

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-8. (Canceled)

Claim 9. (Currently amended) A method for producing a microcapsule comprising suspending an oil-based water-immiscible core material in an aqueous solution consisting essentially of gum arabic, and then gradually adding the gum arabic solution to an aqueous-solution of an enteric anionic cellulose derivative so as to form a microcapsule shell of a complex of the gum arabic and the enteric anionic cellulose derivative wherein the enteric anionic cellulose derivative has been dissolved in an aqueous alkaline solution and the aqueous solution of an enteric anionic cellulose derivative has a pH value of 4.5 to 7.0.

Claim 10. (Previously Presented) The method for producing a microcapsule according to claim 9, wherein said enteric anionic cellulose derivative is hydroxypropyl methylcellulose phthalate and/or hydroxypropyl methylcellulose acetate succinate.

Claim 11. (Previously Presented) The method for producing a microcapsule according to claim 9, wherein said oil-based core material is an organic compound with a boiling point of 100°C or greater.

Claim 12. (Previously presented) The method for producing a microcapsule according to claim 9, wherein said oil-based core material is selected from the group consisting of fat-soluble vitamins, water-insoluble or sparingly water soluble drugs, and pheromones.